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House of Representatives

The House met at 8 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BUNN of Oregon].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNN of Oregon) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 4, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable JIM BUNN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Your word, O God, proclaims the message of faith and hope and love and we long to experience that joy and peace. Yet often we wonder where that word of grace is amid the cluttered affairs of the world and the untidy arrangements of each day. Our prayer, gracious God, is that we will hear Your still small voice in spite of the clamor and noise of life and that we will experience the power of Your spirit in the

depths of our own hearts. With gratefulness, O God, we believe that Your presence is greater than the din of the world and we are thankful that underneath are Your everlasting arms. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNN of Oregon). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BRYANT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BRYANT of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNN). Pursuant to House Resolution

207 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1555.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1555) to promote competition and reduce regulation in order to secure lower prices and higher quality services for American telecommunications consumers and encourage the rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies, with Mr. KOLBE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. KOLBE). When the Committee of the Whole House rose on Wednesday, August 2, 1995, all time for general debate had expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill is considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and is considered read.

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